

October 15, 2002

The Honorable Harry Reid, Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Infrastructure,
and Nuclear Safety
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, as amended, requires the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to collect fees and annual charges to recover approximately 96 percent of its budget authority, less the amount appropriated to the NRC from the Nuclear Waste Fund for fiscal year 2002. Consistent with past practice, I am providing you the status of NRC's fee collection activities for fiscal year 2002.

Public Law 107-66 appropriated \$523,080,000 to the NRC for fiscal year 2002, of which \$23,650,000 was derived from the Nuclear Waste Fund and is excluded from license fee revenues. Public Law 107-117 appropriated \$36,000,000 to NRC for homeland security, which also is excluded from license fee revenues. Public Law 107-206 rescinded \$430,000, leaving \$499,000,000 subject to the 96 percent recovery requirement.

In fiscal year 2002, NRC collected \$475,964,850 in fees and other charges that offset its budget authority. This amount is 99.4 percent of the recovery requirement.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

cc: Senator James M. Inhofe

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